

True Disciples

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 - a. It is a hard saying because they simply do not want to believe
 - i. He told them He was the bread of life
 - ii. They didn't like the idea that He was the living bread so He pushed harder
 - iii. He told them that they had to eat His flesh and drink His blood
 - iv. He told them that if they would not eat His flesh and drink His blood that they had no life **53** Then Jesus said unto them, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*

b. If that offends you how about this **61** When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, **Doth this offend you?** **62** *What* and if ye shall **see the Son of man ascend up** where he was **before?**

i. What will you say when you see me ascend up to where was before

ii. If you don't get it yet, I am from heaven, I am God and am going back to heaven

2. No value in the flesh **63** It is the **spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing:** the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life. **64** But there are some of you that **believe not.** For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. **65** And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

a. All salvation is a work of the Spirit. He gives life

b. The flesh profits nothing so that means that we are not talking literal blood and flesh

c. It is not what you do in the body but what He did on the cross

- d. Some refused to believe
 - e. No one can come to Jesus without the work of the Father. It takes God to make you see your sinful condition. It takes God to make you see that Jesus is God
3. Many went back **66** From that *time* **many of his disciples went back**, and walked no more with him.
- a. The word Christian is only used 3 times in the New Testament
 - b. The word believer used or implied maximum four times
 - c. The word disciple is used over 250 times
 - d. You can be a disciple and not be a true believer but you can't be a true believer without being a disciple
 - e. True disciples mean business **Luke 14:25-33** And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, **26** If any *man* come to me, and **hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.** **27** And whosoever **doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.** **28** For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he

have *sufficient* to finish *it*? 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him, 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that **forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.**

f. You are only joking unless you mean business

Matthew 10:37-38 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is **not worthy of me.** 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, **is not worthy of me.**

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- a. Everyone has gone back because they refuse to honor and follow Jesus
- b. Jesus asks the telling question, Will you also go back?
- c. Peter answers:
 - i. You have the words of eternal life
 - ii. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God
- d. Peter answers for everyone but Judas is not a believer
 - i. Judas looks the part and takes the language
 - ii. Judas is the treasurer of the group
 - iii. Just because you look the part and talk the part doesn't mean a person is truly born again

5. How does this apply to us? What questions do we need to answer tonight?

- a. The first question would be do we really believe in Him and about Him

- b. How often do we lift Him up every where we go?
- c. Are we of the going back type? **66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.**
- i. That means having such a weak faith that it will not stand the stress of pressure-from the world, from persecution, afflictions and problems
 - ii. Bible truth being too hard to accept and obey
 - iii. Embarrassed about who the Bible says that He is
- d. Can there be any doubt about where we stand with the Lord **67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?**
- i. There are so few that are faithful over the years
 - ii. Very few that will be in their place serving God and loving Him no matter what happens
 - iii. This society encourages a flippant view of Christianity and service
 - iv. We like grace so much that we give a poor example
 - v. We allow little failures on the part of others to separate us from serving Jesus
- e. Do we truly believe that He is so much the God of the Bible that we can go no where else?

- f. If He such a vital part of the Scriptures that we can turn no where else?
- g. Will we die for what He teaches
- h. How much do you really believe these things
- i. Do you believe them enough to tell your family and friends
- j. Do you believe them enough that they know that you are real